

Part Army Regs

1 The Act of October 1, 1890 (10 USC) states in part "The Chief Signal officer shall have charge, under the direction of the Secretary of War, of all military signal stations and of works, papers and devices connected therewith."

May be interpreted to exclude codes & ciphers. Army Regs which have the effect of law, definitely place this responsibility on the Chief Signal Officer.

a Army Reg 1901 PD 1741 charges CSO with "the preparation, distribution, & revision of the War Department Telegraph Code." Same provision contained in

1. PD 1588 A.R. 1904

PD 1574 A.R. 1908

PD 1578 A.R. 1910

2 PD 1556 A.R. 1913 same except distribution of W.D. tel code charged to A.G.

3 PD 2e A.R. 105-5 Jan 14, 1922 & change No 1

October 20, 1923 + PD 2e GR 105-5 Dec 15, 1926
all state

"The preparation & revision of the War Department Telegraph code and such other codes and ciphers required by the Army"

3. Pdc AR 105-5 changes No. 1 May 10, 1929 & Pdc AR 105-5
May 16, 1929 states:

"The preparation and revision of all
codes and ciphers required by the Army
and, in time of war, the interception of
enemy radio and wire traffic, the geocentric
locations of enemy radio stations, the
solution of intercepted enemy codes and
ciphers messages and laboratory arrangements
for the employment and detection of
secret codes."

4. Changes No 2 Pdc AR 105-5 July 1, ~~1937~~ 1937

"The preparation, publication, revision, storage,
accounting and distribution of all codes
and ciphers required by the Army and in time
of war the interception of enemy radio and
wire traffic, the geocentric locations of
enemy radio stations, the solution of
intercepted enemy code and cipher messages
and laboratory arrangements for the employment
and detection of secret codes."

Part among Regs

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5 AR 105-6 1920 as amended by change No 1

C 50 had following responsibilities

(1) Code of cipher compilation

(2) Code of cipher selection

(3) Inspection of every radio wave traffic

(4) Location of every radio transmitter stations by government means

(5) Laboratory arrangement for the employment of detection of secret codes

"The fundamental reason for placing the responsibility for these duties upon the Chief Signal Officer is that all correlated duties in connection with secret communications

may be assigned to one operating agency for efficiency of operation. To serve this purpose these duties will be organized by the Chief Signal Officer into a single coordinated service"

SSS organized as
single coordinated service
in accordance with direction
contained in letter from
Commander-in-Chief dated April 25, 1920

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C designation for this single coordinated service is suggested - Signal Intelligence Service

3 General Mission - proper organization and development in peace time so the end that the service may be prepared to operate at maximum efficiency in war."

Specific Mission - a Preparation & revision
of all codes, ciphers and other means of secret
communications to be employed by the army in time
& peace or war

Says Chief C. Officer carries out his duties (1970 duties -
cryptographic) at his own discretion "as an administrative
officer of the Government, approved by the President
and confirmed by the Senate."

If so - why wasn't he questioned as to
duties?